

The Sinclair Broadcasting Corporation's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is an inappropriately partisan action and a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's action to require showing of the anti-Kerry piece is a betrayal of the public trust as well as a violation of law.

We need to restore the integrity of the media through a diversity of ownership and stronger ownership rules. The fate of our democracy is in the balance.